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August 24, 1999

BEFORE THE  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company For  
Authority to Expand Its Steam Service Territory to Provide  
Steam Service to the War Memorial Center in the City of  
Milwaukee, Milwaukee County

6630-CH-112

**NOTICE OF PROCEEDING  
AND  
INVESTIGATION AND ASSESSMENT OF COSTS**

**THIS IS A PROCEEDING** to investigate whether to grant the application of Wisconsin Electric Power Company (WEPCO) filed July 29, 1999, for certification to expand its steam service territory pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 196.49 and Wis. Admin. Code § 140.02(1)(b) to include an area east of its existing steam service territory in the city of Milwaukee, Milwaukee County. WEPCO states that this area must be annexed into its steam service territory so that the utility can provide steam service to the War Memorial Center as well as a new art museum building that is currently under construction adjacent to that facility. The project includes the installation of a low-pressure steam main in the annexed steam service area to serve these two buildings. The Commission intends to investigate without a hearing.

The application states that the Milwaukee County War Memorial Center contacted WEPCO to request steam service for the War Memorial Center and the new art museum that is being constructed adjacent to the existing facility. The application further states that the Milwaukee County Parks Commission voted on July 13, 1999, to enter into steam service agreements with WEPCO and that the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors approved this action on July 22, 1999.

WEPCO proposes to install approximately 930 feet of 10-inch low-pressure main connected to an existing 14-inch steam main located under East Wisconsin Avenue. 735 feet of main will be installed in the O'Donnell Park parking structure. The remaining 195 feet will pass under Lakeshore Drive to the War Memorial Center. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$241,000. All facilities will be installed on property owned by Milwaukee County and on public right of way.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that the Commission considers it necessary, in order to carry out its duties, to investigate all books, accounts, practices, and activities of the applicant. The expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Commission which are reasonably attributable to such an

investigation will be assessed against and collected from the applicant in accordance with the provisions of Wis. Stat. § 196.85 and Wis. Admin. Code ch. PSC 5.

This is a Type III action under Wis. Admin. Code § PSC 4.10(3). Since no unusual circumstances have come to the attention of the Commission which indicate that significant environmental consequences are likely, neither an environmental impact statement under Wis. Stat. § 1.11 nor an environmental assessment is required.

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the provision of programs, services, or employment. Any person with a disability who needs accommodations to participate in this proceeding or who needs to obtain this document in a different format should contact the case coordinator listed below.

Questions from the media concerning this application may be directed to Jeffrey L. Butson, Public Information Officer, at (608) 267-0912.

Questions regarding this matter may be directed to case coordinator John E. Feit at (608) 266-5620.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

By the Commission:

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Lynda L. Dorr  
Secretary to the Commission

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